

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) An anode mix comprising an alkaline electrolyte, an anode active material, a gelling agent and a non-polymeric oxazoline surfactant.
2. (Original) The anode mix of Claim 1 wherein the oxazoline surfactant comprises a fatty side chain.
3. Cancelled.
4. Cancelled.
5. (Original) The anode mix of Claim 1, wherein the alkaline electrolyte is potassium hydroxide.
6. (Original) The anode mix of Claim 1, wherein the anode active material is particulate zinc powder.
7. (Original) The anode mix of Claim 1, wherein the surfactant coats at least a portion of the anode active material.
8. (Currently Amended) An anode for use in an electrochemical cell, the anode comprising the anode mixture of any of Claims [[1-7]] 1-6.
9. (Previously Presented) A primary alkaline electrochemical cell comprising a cathode, an anode, and an alkaline electrolyte in electrical contact with the anode and the cathode, the anode comprising an anode active material, a gelling agent and ~~an~~ oxazoline surfactant.
10. (Original) The alkaline electrochemical cell of Claim 9 wherein the oxazoline surfactant comprises a fatty side chain.

11. (Original) The alkaline electrochemical cell of Claim 10 wherein the oxazoline surfactant is ethanol,2,2'-(2-heptadecyl-4(5H)-oxazolydine) bis (methyleneoxy-2,1-ethanedyloxy] bis.

12. Cancelled.

13. (Original) The alkaline electrochemical cell of Claim 9 wherein the alkaline electrolyte is potassium hydroxide.

14. (Original) The alkaline electrochemical cell of Claim 9 wherein the anode active material is particulate zinc powder.

15. (Original) The alkaline electrochemical cell of Claim 9 wherein the surfactant coats at least a portion of the anode active material.

16. (Previously Presented) An anode mix comprising an alkaline electrolyte, an anode active material, a gelling agent and an oxazoline surfactant, wherein the oxazoline surfactant is ethanol,2,2'-(2-heptadecyl-4(5H)-oxazolydine) bis (methyleneoxy-2,1-ethanedyloxy] bis.

17. (Previously Presented) An alkaline electrochemical cell comprising a cathode, an anode, and an alkaline electrolyte in electrical contact with the anode and the cathode, the anode comprising an anode active material, a gelling agent and an oxazoline surfactant, wherein the oxazoline surfactant is ethanol,2,2'-(2-heptadecyl-4(5H)-oxazolydine) bis (methyleneoxy-2,1-ethanedyloxy] bis.

18. (New) The primary alkaline electrochemical cell as recited in claim 9, wherein the oxazoline is non-polymeric.